

Kiowa and Comanche Reservation.

Will be Opened to White Settlement Within the Next Year.

Homes for 10,000 Families.



This Indian reservation is located between the Washita river on the north and Red river on the south and between the 98th meridian of west longitude on the east and North Fork of Red river on the west, and contains in round numbers 4,000,000 acres. From this will be deducted about one million acres taken up by the mountains, and a like amount to be allotted to the Indians, leaving about two million acres to be thrown open to white settlers. The lands occupied by the mountains is only available for grazing purposes and the rich mineral deposits contained therein. These it is claimed are rich in gold, silver, tin, and coal. These are still to be developed.

The lands outside of the mountains are undulating prairie, well watered with living streams of water and springs, while water is found by digging at depths of twenty to thirty feet. All the streams bear a more or less fringe of timber, while large areas are covered with a growth of mesquite trees, a timber which make good fence posts and is excellent fuel. Other sections and some streams bear a growth of timber large enough to saw into lumber. Any or all of these timber lands are productive, and will make fine farms.

By an Act of Congress approved June 6, 1900, the above reservation is another known as the Wichita reservation, which may be included at the same time, but this is not yet known. The law opening the reservation provides that the allotments shall be made in from three to six months, and makes it the duty of the President to issue a proclamation opening the country within six months after the allotments are made. It is not likely that the president will take the six months, and he may issue his proclamation immediately after the allotments are made. Thus it may be seen the lands may open at any time from the early spring to summer of next year.

There need be no doubt of the productivity of these lands. They have been tried in every quarter with a result that has produced 20 to 30 bushels of wheat, and 40 to 50 bushels of corn per acre. These crops have been raised by farmers living on Indian lands. The valleys of the Washita, Cache creek, Beaver, and other streams are more or less cultivated every year, and always give good returns. The uplands are productive of all cereals, and afford the finest grazing in the world.

The lands to be opened to white settlement, after the Indian has taken his allotment, will give homes to nearly 10,000 families. The price of these lands will be \$1.25 per acre, payable at the end of five years residence. No better chance to get a home in this superb climate will ever be known again. The climate is all that can be desired, being a happy medium between the hot climate of Texas and the cold climate of Kansas or Missouri. The days are never excessively hot, nor the winters excessively cold. In summer days the mercury seldom goes above a hundred, while the nights are invariably cool. In winter the mercury seldom goes below zero, and then for only a day or two. The reservation has one line of railroad on its northern border, following the Washita river, with two more surveyed and will probably be built before the opening, which will give market facilities equal to an older country.

CHICKASHA, Indian Territory, lies two miles east of the eastern border of this Indian reservation, and is a city of 4,000 people, with all that goes to make a city of that size. It is lighted with electricity, has a 500 barrel per day flouring mill, an 80-ton per day cotton seed oil mill, local and long distance telephone, is one of the seats of the U. S. Court system, two wholesale grocery stores, ten retail grocery stores, eight dry goods houses, four gents furnishings, four hardware and implement houses, four lumber yards, three banks, five drug stores, two jewelry stores, one steam carpenter shop, three hotels, lodging houses, and restaurants in numbers, together with all shops of blacksmiths, boot and shoe, etc., that go to make up a growing, pushing city. It has six church buildings, with stated preachers, two school buildings in which school is maintained every year.

The people of the city and surrounding country are intellectual and cultivated people gathered from nearly every state in the Union. No better people exist anywhere.

The city is incorporated, has a mayor and board of aldermen, and law and order prevail here as in older states and communities. Business is carried on, debts are collected, offenses against morality or any disorder or crime punished, the same as in the states. Don't think that because this is the Indian Territory that the people are outlaws, and that all is "wild and wooly." The "Indians" in this vicinity are among our most respected people—progressive, educated and refined. These are the Indian Territory "Indians," the reservation Indian is not the same, yet he is peaceable and fast civilizing. Your life, your property and your earnings are as safe here as in the oldest state in the Union.

The city of Chickasha is improving very fast, having doubled its population in the past 18 months. Brick and stone buildings are going up all the time. Prices on property are advancing all the time. If you want to keep up with this country's development send a dollar for the Weekly Express, one year, and you will get it all.

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In a recent Epworth league meeting a returned soldier told his experience with his pocket Testament. It was handed to him on the cars while on his way to the south with his regiment. He had taken a "treat" at the last station, and to use his own expression, was "feeling gay."

"All right," he said, laughingly, to the donor of the book, "I'll carry it. It'll be good to stop a bullet."

Some weeks afterward came the fighting at Santiago, and on the day of the famous charge of the rough riders the young soldier was hit, and left lying among the wounded. He regained consciousness while under the surgeon's hands and heard him say: "That was a close call." A Mauser bullet in his breast had been extracted. It had barely reached his heart and stopped.

"What is it, doctor?" he whispered, but the busy surgeon had hurried on to his next patient. Gen. Wheeler's daughter was there, ministering to the bleeding men, and he beckoned to her and asked her to tell him about his wound. She brought his pocket Testament, which he had carried in his blouse, and showed him a hole through it, made by the deadly lead, and told him how narrow his escape had been. Piercing the book in an oblique direction, the missile had found exactly resistance enough to arrest it at the danger line.

For the first time the reckless soldier took an interest in the gift he had accepted with a jest. He remembered with a strange throb the flippant remark he had made on the train. He kept the Testament near him, and in the tedious hours of his convalescence he often turned the leaves and noted the texts which had been crossed by the bullet.

There was one verse that he could not get beyond. The shot had cut through the middle of it, and left its scar there like an index.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish, but have everlasting life."

Many times a day he read the verse over and thought about it. His life must have been worth saving, he said to himself, else he would have been underground with his buried comrades. But everlasting life! Something forever beyond and above fatal wounds! That meant more than the "accident" that saved one man. God had declared everlasting life to men, by Jesus Christ, His Son. The soldier became the pupil of his book. To believe in to accept. To accept is to be obedient. To obey is to make Christ the example and His teachings the rule of life. It was no delusion when his heart told him that he was willing to accept this formula and to "live by it."

The story is not a remarkable one—in material or initial incident. Any other book than the New Testament would have diverted the shaft of death as easily; but its blow might not have pointed him to a word that brought a changed motive in life with it. Out of this distinction blossoms the lesson, and a natural circumstance takes an eternal character. Whether the means were casual or divine, the effect must be left to testify. The man who went to the war a scoundrel came back changed in moral purpose. He had become a Christian, because he had become a follower of Christ.—Youth's Companion.

The Sioux and Blackfeet will at parting dig their spears in the earth as a sign of confidence and mutual esteem. This is the origin of the term "burying the tomahawk."

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